with the World Bank upto 30th April, 1988:

Sl.No.	Name of the project	Amount in (US $ Million)		
		IBRD	IDA	Total
1	National Dairy Project	200	160	360
2	Drought Assistance Project	150	200	350
3	Western Gas Project	295	..	295
4	Housing Development Finance Corporation Project (HDFC)	250	..	250
5	Industrial Finance Project	360	..	360
6	Karnataka Power-II Project	260	..	260
7	Railway Modernisation Project	390	..	390
8	Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project	..	300.2	300.2
	Total:	1905	660.2	2565.2

Some more projects are due for negotiation before the end of June 1988. It is expected that the total World Bank Group assistance negotiated in the current Bank fiscal year will be around dollar 3 billion.

IBRD loans are repayable in 20 years, including a grace period of 5 years, and carry a variable rate of interest revised semi-annually. The current rate of interest is 7.72 per cent per annum. In addition a commitment fee of 0.75 per cent is levied on the undisbursed portion of the loans. IDA credits are currently repayable in 35 years, including a grace period of 10 years. IDA assistance is interest free but carries a service charge of 0.75 per on the disbursed portion of the credit.

Applications pending for grant of freedom fighters pension

*124. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: *Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS* be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications still pending with the Central Government for grant of freedom fighters' pension Statewise, and since how long they are pending;

(b) by when the entire backlog is likely to be cleared; and

(c) what fresh steps Government propose to take to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) As on 31st March, 1988, 1052 cases were pending. Out of these 414 cases having some special features which could not be disposed of during the special drive in July—August, 1986 are pending for want of reports from the State Governments. Another 633 cases are to be scrutinised by the Committee of Non-Officials on Arya Samaj Movement and 5 cases are to be scrutinised by the Committee on Sind cases. State-wise position has been shown in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The cases having special features will be finalised on receipt of verification reports from the concerned State Governments. The remaining cases will be finalised on receipt of the report of the concerned Non-Official Committees after appropriate scrutiny.

(c) Besides pursuing actively with the State Governments concerned, the Government have set-up various non-official Screening Committees in order to clear the backlog.

Statement

Pendency of applications under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (State-wise)

(a) *Cases having special features:*

Name of the State	Pending cases
Andhra Pradesh	45
Bihar	268
Kerala	4
Madhya Pradesh	35
Maharashtra	28
West Bengal	34
	414

(b) *Arya Samaj Committee cases*

Andhra Pradesh	10
Bihar	165
Delhi	29
Gujarat	1
Haryana	92
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Karnataka	37
Madhya Pradesh	7
Maharashtra	26
Punjab	212
Rajasthan	19
Uttar Pradesh	29
West Bengal	1
	633

(c) *Sind Committee cases* 5